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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3244

INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, LE

SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR: RESUMPTION OF PAN AMERICAN FLIGHTS TO BEIRUT

1. AT END OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS MARCH 5, PRESIDENT SARKIS ASKED ME WHAT PAN AMERICAN'S INTENTIONS WERE WITH REGARD TO RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS TO BEIRUT. HE, AND MANY LEBANESE, FELT THAT RESUMPTION OF THESE FLIGHTS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT SIGN OF CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL SITUATION. IT HAD BEEN SAID IN AMERICA THAT IF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY WENT WELL, THE WHOLE ECONOMY WENT WELL. IN FRANCE IT WAS THE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. FOR HIM, IN LEBANON, IT WAS PAN AMERICAN.

2. I SAID IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT PANAM WOULD PROBABLY RESTORE AND REOPEN THE PHOENICIA HOTEL, BUT I DID NOT KNOW ITS INTENTIONS REGARDING FLIGHTS TO BEIRUT. I THOUGHT IT WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE SECURITY SITUATION.

3. ALLOWING FOR A SLIGHT RHETORICAL EXAGGERATION, I AGREE THAT RESUMPTION OF PANAM FLIGHTS WOULD GIVE SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO LEBANESE SPIRITS, AND  
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GOD KNOWS THEY NEED IT.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SOUND OUT PANAM ON QUESTION.  
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